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MEMORANDUM

To: P - Mr. Sargeant  
Through: A - Mr. Crutcher

From: PCB/S - W. P. Davison

Subject: Backstopping State Representative on PSB

Backstopping arrangements for Mr. Webb in his role of State Department representative on PSB are particularly difficult in view of the fact that both the information and geographic areas of the Department will be concerned with PSB activities. It seems unavoidable, therefore, that he will need two deputies to represent him when he is unable to attend PSB meetings. The two I would suggest are Mr. Barrett and Mr. Matthews.

Since, however, neither Mr. Barrett nor Mr. Matthews will be able to devote a great deal of time to detailed scrutiny of the papers involved, they in turn will need backstopping. For this purpose I would suggest a Special Assistant to Mr. Phillips to be appointed in P. For the sake of complicating matters to the greatest possible extent, we may designate this Special Assistant as "X."

The job of "X" will be to work with P/POL, PRS, the Geographic Bureaus, Mr. Lehrbas in G, and the PSB staff in assembling material for Mr. Barrett and Mr. Matthews and briefing them prior to the meetings they attend. In the case of meetings which Mr. Webb attends personally "X" would in addition obtain the views, when appropriate, of Mr. Barrett and Mr. Matthews.

My reason for placing "X" in the P area, rather than in G or U is that the larger portion of the material and advice which he will need will come from the P area, and his most frequent contacts will be with P/POL. Questions on which he needs advice from the Geographic Bureaus will tend to be very important ones, but they will arise less

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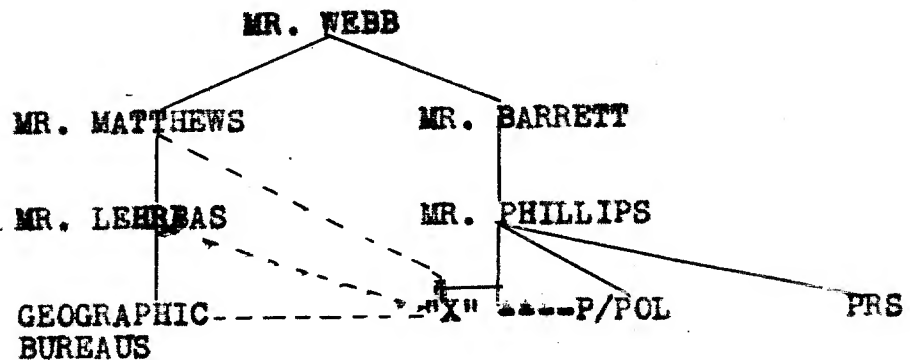
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I have two or three suggestions regarding the possible identity of "X" in case the powers that be decide this solution to be a sound one.

cc: Mr. Phillips

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